

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 5, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Alderman Benjamin K. Mallicote
Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman Valerie Joh.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** There was no discussion on this item.
4. **HEALTHY KINGSPORT PRESENTATION.** Mr. Charlie Glass presented information on this item, noting that the Metropolitan Statistical Area that includes Kingsport is the tenth most obese in the United States. He further noted this fact is a result of poor choices made over the last 30 years and cited examples on how to make changes for improvement.
5. **REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Tim Whaley, Community and Government Relations Director gave a brief overview on the issues to be presented to the state legislature for 2012 on behalf of the Tri-Cities, noting the efforts of Johnson City and Bristol. Mr. Whaley explained more details will be provided at the next meeting once he has received input and feedback from the Board members.
6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 6, 2011 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

VI.AA.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution Establishing Stormwater Utility User's Fees and Approving a Policy for Credits and Adjustments (AF: 313-2011). City Manager Campbell commented there had been very little comment from the public on this issue. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds explained there would two to three push-outs in the upcoming water bills, as well as coverage on the website and Channel 16. Mr. McReynolds explained the fee was not based on lot size, but the amount of impervious surface on the property. Mayor Phillips voiced his concern that owners of apartment buildings were being penalized based on the current rates for commercial property, noting that it should be fair. Mr. McReynolds stated he would look into applying the formula currently used for residential property.

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VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Consent to Encroachment Agreement with East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC for the Existing Gas Line Easement on the Property of the Kingsport Aquatic Center (AF: 314-2011). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt explained this was a formality that was required as the property transfers.

VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Property Located at 840 West Industry Drive and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary and Proper (AF: 306-2011). City Manager Campbell noted that Mr. Strickler has asked for an extension in regards to this greenbelt property acquisition.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Award of Recycling Services with Rock-Tenn Converting Company and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Applicable Documents (AF: 325-2011). Alderman Mallicote confirmed for Mr. Campbell that he had spoken to Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds regarding his concerns noted at the last work session. Mr. McReynolds commented that more services would now be offered with considerable long term advantages.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2012-031 in the City Code Related to Chapter 106 – Utilities: Water Rates – Disconnection, Reconnection of Service Fees (AF: 324-2011). City Recorder Demming pointed out this change would allow the City to match the rate of the Bloomingdale Utility District if it changes, rather than setting a specific rate.

VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Offer and Authorize the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary for Property Acquisition for the Kingsport City School System (AF: 323-2011). Kingsport City Schools Director of Finance David Frye provided details on this item, noting the City already owns the property at the corner of Park Street and Center Street.

VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Xerox Audio Visual Solutions for the Purchase of Audio-Visual Equipment for the New Kingsport City Schools Administrative Support Center (AF: 327-2011). Alderman Segelhorst questioned if this purchase was more of a want or a need, noting it was a lot of money. Director of Technology for Kingsport City Schools John Payne provided information on these purchases, noting the ability to record classes for greater availability. He also mentioned that other organizations would be able to use the room and equipment.

VI.D.9 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to WorkSpace Interiors for the Purchase of Office Furnishings for the New Kingsport City Schools (AF: 329-2011). Alderman McIntire asked for an explanation of the high costs. Mr. David Frye explained that 65 employees would be relocating from three to four buildings and would not be taking their dated furniture. He noted that some of the items could not be moved. Discussion followed on the possibility of redistribution or declaring surplus. Mayor Phillips commented on the possibility of relocating the BMA meetings there.

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VI.D.11 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Renewal of the Policy with HCC Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss Insurance for the City's Health Insurance Plan and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Renewal (AF: 322-2011). City Manager Campbell explained the increase is a result of a major reimbursement.

VI.D.13 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Northeast State Community College Recognizing the Creation of the Kingsport Higher Education Commission Tasked to Provide Oversight on Behalf of the City for Any and All Facilities Owned by the City in the Academic Village (AF: 331-2011). Mayor Phillips provided information on this item, noting the successful growth of the Academic Village and the possible negative impact if one school is placed in charge. In an effort to be impartial, the Advisory Board has recommended a full time city employee be appointed to oversee this project, solicit new programs and sell the Higher Education Center to other schools. Mr. Phillips also pointed out that the schools alone would decide on the classes to be taught. This new position will be advertised after the first of the year. City Manager Campbell noted that Grants and Higher Education Initiatives Director Morris Baker has been working on this project thus far and would be at the business meeting tomorrow night to answer any questions.

VI.E.1 Consideration to Appoint William K. Rogers as City Judge (AF: 333-2011). Mayor Phillips pointed out that Judge Boatright is retiring and Mr. Rogers has been serving as City Judge pro tem. The effective date of this appointment is January 1, 2012.

VII.3 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City Code to Include Provisions Pertaining to Certain Synthetic Drugs (AF: 310-2011). City Attorney Billingsley requested this item be removed from the consent agenda, noting that after further research, there are some suggested amendments that need to be made tomorrow night. Mayor Phillips stated this item would be moved to the beginning of the meeting, following the public comment section.

VII.7 Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing the Border Region Tourism District (AF: 293-2011). City Attorney Billingsley noted the need for this item to be amended tomorrow night to replace the map that currently accompanies this ordinance. The new map includes parcel numbers and roadways.

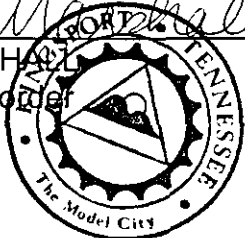
BOARD COMMENT. City Manager Campbell commented on the successful bond sale that was held earlier today. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt mentioned the City Employee Christmas lunch being held at the Civic Auditorium tomorrow. Vice-Mayor Parham commented on the animal control program and asked for an update at the next work session. Mr. Parham also requested Mr. Andy King give an update soon on the Meadowview Conference and Convention Center.

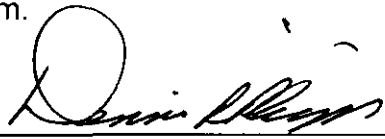
PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Barbara Brown asked everyone to speak up in the future, noting it was hard to hear some of the comments made while sitting in the back of the room. Ms. Jeannie Bourne stated she was proud of the stance Kingsport was taking regarding the synthetic drugs.

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7. **ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

The seal of Kingsport, Tennessee, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a sun rising over a river, flanked by two trees. The shield is set against a background of a gear-like border. The words "KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE" are inscribed around the top half of the circle, and "The Model City" is at the bottom.


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor